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**111.10.01 Authority for State Supplement Program**

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program is administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provide financial assistance to eligible aged, disabled and blind individuals. States have the option to provide additional assistance through the State Supplement Program. The Commonwealth has opted to provide this additional assistance.

The State Supplement Program (SSP) is authorized under Chapter 6 and Chapter 118A of the Massachusetts General Laws and applicable federal law pertaining to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program and agreements with the Commissioner of Social Security.

Regulations for the program are promulgated and implemented in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, as amended, and in accordance with other applicable General Laws of the Commonwealth.

**111.10.02 Overview of State Supplement Program**

SSP provides state-funded financial assistance to individuals who receive SSI or who do not qualify for SSI due to income. No other individuals are eligible for the SSP.

The State Supplement Program provides financial assistance to blind individuals through the authority of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and to aged and disabled individuals through the authority of the Department of Transitional Assistance. The Commonwealth administers SSP centrally for all SSP recipients. Detailed program regulations for all SSP recipients are found at 106 CMR 327.

SSP recipients must meet program criteria as specified in regulations at 106 CMR.327 as aged, blind or disabled. In accordance with federal law, payment levels are based on Eligibility Category, State Living Arrangement and by whether the recipient is considered an individual or a member of an eligible couple. See 20 CFR 416 Subpart T.

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